



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Leek, William F.

Conf. No. 5971

Application No.: 09/729,421 09/729,491 Examiner: A, Phi Dieu Tran

Filed: December 3, 2000

Art Unit: 3637

For: Automatic Take-up Device with  
Internal Spring

MAIL STOP Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated August 22, 2006. It is being submitted within 6 months of the mailing date of said office action and is accompanied by a petition for 3 months extension of time and the requisite fee, making it a timely response.

***Petition for Extension of Time***

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 for three (3) months. The fee under 37 CFR § 1.17 is attached hereto. If the enclosed amount is incorrect, the commissioner is permitted to charge any required extension and/or deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 03-4075 (Attorney Docket No. SST/1035).

***Amendments to the Application:***

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.